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Washington, D.C. 20231



Attorney/Docket No. 8840  
Customer No. 27752

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement,  
Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the cited reference for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Isao Noda et al.

Serial No.: 10/051,724 Group Art Unit: 1711

Date Filed: January 17, 2002 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Title: Polyhydroxyalkanote Copolymer and Polylactic Acid Polymer Compositions for Laminates and Films

1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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3. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application.

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed modified Form PTO-1449. No inference should be made that the cited reference is in fact material, is in fact prior art, or that no better art exists. A copy of the listed information is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required (37 CFR §1.97(b)).

It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited reference and that the reference be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account 16-2480.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
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SEA		WO 02/46277 A1	06-13-2002	Kimberly-Clark Worldwide	

OTHER PRIOR ART		
Examiner's Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article, title of the item, date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city/country where published

Examiner Signature	<i>Sam A. Acquah</i>	Date Considered	06/11/03
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